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SPIN VALVE HEAD HAVING LEAD OVERLAY  
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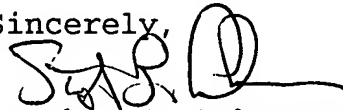
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U.S. Patent 5,966,273 to Matsumoto et al., "Magneto-resistive Thin Film Head," discusses a lead process.

U.S. Patent 5,491,600 to Chen et al., "Multi-Layer Conductor Leads in a Magnetoresistive Head," discusses a multi-layered lead and associated process.

The following three U.S. Patents all disclose lead lift off processes:

- 1) U.S. Patent 5,985,162 to Han et al., "Method for Forming Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL) Magnetoresistive (MR) Sensor Element with Electrically Insulated Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL)."
- 2) U.S. Patent 6,103,136 to Han et al., "Method for Forming a Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL) Magnetoresistive (MR) Sensor Element with Transversely Magnetically Biased Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL)."
- 3) U.S. Patent 6,007,731 to Han et al., "Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL) Magnetoresistive (MR) Sensor Element with Electrically Insulated Soft Adjacent Layer (SAL)."

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

OWNER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILED DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5966273	10/12/99	Matsumoto et al.	360	113	1/26/94
	5491600	2/13/96	Chen et al.	360	113	5/4/94
	5985162	11/16/99	Han et al.	216	22	3/5/97
	6103136	8/15/00	Han et al.	216	22	3/23/98
	6007731	12/28/99	Han et al.	216	22	3/23/98

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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